



Activity Title and Number: Food Safety Legislation and Governance (study assignment); A445-C3

Beneficiary: National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFP)

Location and Date: Spain; 20-24 July 2015

Stakeholders: Chinese Food and Drug Administration (CFDA), General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ); Food producer associations and industry

Brief Activity Report

Relevance and Impact

The EU has one of the highest levels of food safety in the world. A stable risk assessment system has been one of the main pillars to ensure safety and quality of produce in the food chain. Drawing from this expertise, the 2012 dialogues between the Directorate General for Health & Consumers of the EC (DG SANCO) and the National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFP) focused on developing standard reviews based on sound risk assessment and regulations to ensure food safety in China. To support these priorities and following upon activities A277C3 and A364C3, EUCTP II organised a study assignment to enhance the capacity of the NHFP to develop and enforce policies related to the governance of food safety.

Activity Description

This 5-day study assignment was held at the Summer Academy in Global Food Law & Policy in Bilbao, Spain. The delegates participated in the academy programme which brought together practitioners, policymakers, industry representatives and leading academics working in the field of food law and policy. This assignment provided a unique opportunity for professional development and networking in an interdisciplinary setting. The main themes discussed were:

- **The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and Food Trade**
- **What role for the Industry in addressing Societal Concerns? The Case of Sustainability**
- **Right to food through international trade law? The case of EU free trade agreements with Africa and the Caribbean.**
- **Tensions between Food Security and Ecologic Urgency**
- **The Perils of Comparative Food Law: Convergence, Divergence, and Complexity in US and EU Food Law**
- **Rethinking How to Regulate Food Frauds**
- **The Future of Food Safety Governance: A Vision from the European Food Safety Authority**
- **Taxing and Marketing Restrictions of 'Unhealthy Foods'**



The Summer Academy in Global Food Law & Policy in Bilbao, Spain

Results and Dissemination

- ✓ The participants enhanced their knowledge and skills regarding the analysis and development of international regulations governing food risk and the challenges to enforce them at domestic and international level.
- ✓ The delegation established links with the EU and global leaders in the area of risk governance.